

WAR DEPARTMENT  
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Major Laurence Lowman  
Office of Strategic Services  
Building Q  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Major Lowman:

Please find attached list of personnel you desired information on and notes on same.

I await your convenience or that of Lieut. Simpson to explain to you the organizational structure, plan and operations of F.B.G. which so far you have had no way of actually knowing about. At that time I can also give you whatever background data you desire on the personnel.

I believe the stopping of the construction job on the coast no advantage in the fact that the contract was let and extra costs of labor and a half built building with expensive equipment waiting in Smith's garage to be installed in the building will not solve any problem.

I forwarded to you a list of personnel hired on the coast per regular schedule prior to the letter notifying me of the change.

I brought Lt. Simpson to NBC yesterday and brought him up to date on the NBC-NBC contract. He approved certain additional purchases necessary to continue the work at Bellmore and assure the flow of material to North Hollywood.

I am having a complete inventory prepared which I would appreciate your taking over from me and signing for in accordance with Army Regulations. In any case I want to be covered by a receipt for all the equipment, furniture, fixtures, etc. which may be charged to me as to responsibility and accountability.

In addition I am certain you want to know exactly what you are taking over.



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I am enclosing by last C.O.P. read to department heads instructing them of your assumption of all responsibilities of F.B.I. Co. Inc., also reminded Mr. Latson to name you or Lt. Simpson in lieu of him as to approvals on the purchase of equipment etc. per NBC contract.


I enclose the draft letter that I would like to have sent to my chief. I have made it 30 days and mentioned a trip to Hollywood only on your definite request of the other day. My chief here would prefer it to be two weeks (without the Hollywood trip), which would suffice for the inventory and actual turn over. The less time the better for me, although I'll do anything to help.

So if you still want thirty days and desire me to go to Hollywood, leave the letter per the draft. If, however, you can possibly do without me then change it to two weeks and leave out the Hollywood trip.

I have the complete employment records, security papers, card index files on all personnel, and blue prints, specifications, rhombic diagrams, etc. of the plants, together with all vital correspondence, property records and intelligence information to turn over to you, at your convenience.

I will also as you know and per the letter you are to have written be available for conferences and consultations at any time.

Cordially,

  
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